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Title: GASTRIC RETENTIVE ORAL DOSAGE FORM WITH RESTRICTED DRUG RELEASE IN THE LOWER
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
AND REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, please reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks presented in this paper. As this response is filed within the first month following the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, the fee for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response. Filed concurrently with this paper are resubmissions of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 18, 2001, and April 4, 2003.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The amendments to the specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claim amendments for this application are reflected in the listing of the claims set forth on pages 3 to 8 of this paper.

REMARKS

02/04/2004 SSANDARA 00000005 10024932 The remarks in support of this application are set forth on pages 9 to 11 of this paper.

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